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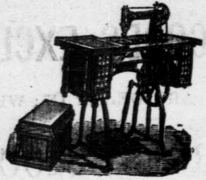
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NEW HIGH-ARM

FAMILY SEWING MACHINE,

WITH AUTOMATIC TENSION.

New Wood-Work.
New Attachments.
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The Magic Silent
Sewer.
The only Machine
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WITH PURELY ROTARY MOTION.

Every person using a machine knows the advantage of speed. We say without fear of contradiction, that this machine saves the operator one-quarter of the time consumed in doing a similar piece of work on any other machine.

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Corner of Main and Cox Streets, MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE.

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LIVERY, SALE AND EXCHANGE STABLES.

FINE DRIVING AND WORK STOCK

HORSES BOUGHT AND SOLD ON COMMISSION.

We claim our livery service to be the finest on the Peninsula. Comfort, Elegance and Speed furnished at short notice.

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Middletown, Delaware.

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M. KUMPEL, JR.,

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MEATS OF ALL KINDS.

GROCERIES! PROVISIONS!

Best Groceries, Meats, Flour & Country Produce,

Corner Main and Church Streets,

MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE.

THOMAS MASSEY,
JEWELER,



GOLD SPECTACLES AND EYE GLASSES.

I keep a stock of Queen & Co.'s Spectacles and Eye Glasses on hand at less than city prices.

Another lot of those \$3.75 EIGHT-DAY CLOCKS, guaranteed to run one year.

Main Street, Middletown.

Buy the Parvin Patent Iron Wagon.

WHY?

- 1st. It is to-day the only wagon made on Strictly Scientific Principles.
- 2d. It is the only wagon made that carries the weight directly against the collar of the axle.
- 3d. It is the only wagon made that the axle cannot be spread under any extreme load.
- 4th. It is by far the most durable wagon upon the market. In fact will outlast three of the common make.
- 5th. It is emphatically the easiest running wagon made.
- 6th. It is the lightest wagon made to-day, capacity considered.
- 7th. It has no superior at any price.
- 8th. It is the cheapest wagon offered in the market.
- 9th. In the manufacturing we use a high grade of Warner Patent Wheel, combined with Malleable Castings made with the greatest care. We beat the world and are bound to let the people know it.
- 10th. We claim that no wagon ever gave the same satisfaction or cannot on the old principal.

L. V. ASPRIL & SON,

Manufacturers, Odessa, Del.

For Sale or Rent!

13-ROOM DWELLING

AND STABLES, on Main street. Property of Jno. W. Lingo.

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A 7-ROOM DWELLING

on Crawford street, now occupied by Corbit Jones. Apply to M.F.B. BURRIS.

LEGAL BLANKS of every

kind for sale at this office.

J. F. REYBOLD,

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BALING A SPECIALTY.

HAY AND STRAW BOUGHT AND SOLD ON COMMISSION.

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Miscellaneous Ad's.

W. H. MOORE & CO.

Diagonals, Corkscrews, Cassimeres!

We have just received a large stock of Cassimeres and Cheviots for Froppers and suitings in plain and Fancy patterns. Our patrons all know that the reputation of our house has been in the past, for these goods, but our present stock excel them all in style, quality and prices (real free trade prices.)

Call early and make your selection, that you may have a great many styles to select from and have them made before the rush comes.

CLOTHING!

We invite you to call and see our large and attractive stock of Mens Boys' and Children's clothing. The styles are very pretty this fall and prices low.

Call early before the stock is too much broken. Early buyers always get the cream of the styles.

Carpets. Carpets.

DRESS GOODS.

We have just opened a beautiful line of Ladies' Dress Goods, Cashmeres, Tricots, black and colored Henrietta Cloth, and striped and plaid French Flannels, Etc.

HATS.

Our Fall and Winter Hats, both soft and stiff are here. Also a beautiful line plain, check and plaid Hats and Helmet caps for children.

W. H. MOORE & CO.

MIDDLETOWN DELAWARE.

LUMBER

of all kinds. A full and complete stock always here.

MILL WORK Glazed Sash, Shutters, Blinds, Doors, Mouldings and Brackets of every style.

HARDWARE Building and Household, of every variety.

BARB WIRE "Puck-Thorn" and "Ribbon" constantly in stock.

PAINTS "Wadsworth" and "Atlas" Ready-Mixed, Pure White Lead, Pure Linseed Oil, and all kinds Dry Paints, Coloring Material, etc.

COAL Hard, Free-burning and Soft all ways on hand of the best grades.

WOOD Ready-Sawn for immediate delivery.

LIME "Wrightsville" Land Lime and "Baltimore" Building Lime. The latter in stock. The former promptly supplied.

DRAIN TILE Agency here for "German" Drain Tile.

PRICES as low as the lowest quality considered.

TERMS Cash Rule; Credit the Exception.

ACCOMMODATION to Patrons known how.

G. E. HUKILL,

Middletown Delaware.

A BIG SALE.

Muslin, Bleached per yard, 5c.

Linen Napkins per dozen, \$1.00.

Hamburg Edging, 2c.

Augusta Unbleached Muslin 3c.

Ruching, white and colored 8c.

Drillings, white and colored 9c.

Coat, Pants and Vest, \$4.00.

A No. 1 Boot, \$2.00.

Shawls, newest styles, \$1.00.

Towels, large and fine, 10c.

Lap Robes and Blankets, \$1.00.

Elegant Chinchilla Overcoats \$4.

A BIG SALE OF

REMNANTS

FOR ONE WEEK AND

ONE WEEK ONLY.

From 1 cent to 10 cents. Call early to get the benefit.

A SPECIALTY—Best Imperial Tea, both black and green, 30 cents per pound.

M. L. HARDCASTLE

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BAKING POWDER
Absolutely Pure.

This powder never varies. A marvel of purity, strength and wholesomeness. More economical than the ordinary kinds, and cannot be sold in competition with the most trusted or low test, short weight alum or phosphate brands. Sold only in cans. **ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., 106 Wall St., N. Y.**

Hon. C. Edwards Lester,

Late U. S. Consul to Italy, author of "The Glory and Shame of England," "America's Advancement," etc., etc., etc., writes as follows:—

New York, August 1, 1893. Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Gentlemen:—A sense of gratitude and the desire to render a service to the public impel me to make the following statements: My college career, at New Haven, was interrupted by a severe cold which so crippled me that, for ten years, I had a hard struggle for life. Hemorrhage from the bronchial passages was the result of almost every fresh exposure. For years I was under treatment of the ablest practitioners without avail. At last I learned of

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral,

which I used (moderately and in small doses) at the first recurrence of a cold or any chest difficulty, and from which I invariably found relief. This was over 25 years ago. With all sorts of exposure, in all sorts of climates, I have never, to this day, had any cold nor any affection of the throat or lungs which did not yield to Ayer's Cherry Pectoral within 24 hours.

Of course I have never allowed myself to be without this remedy in all my voyages and travels. Under my own observation, it has given relief to vast numbers of persons. It is a true and faithful friend. I recommend its use in light but frequent doses. Properly administered, in accordance with your directions, it is a Priceless Blessing

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral,

Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Sold by all Druggists and Dealers in Medicine.

WM. J. WILSON,

SUCCESSOR TO THE LATE

GEO. W. WILSON,

DEALER IN



Fine Furniture!

Such as Parlor and Bed Room Suits, Tables, Looking Glasses and everything in the Furniture Line.

Upholstering and Repairing

A SPECIALTY.

FURNISHING UNDERTAKER.

EMBALMING, OR IF DESIRED, PUT IN ICE.

Having had an experience of ten years in the business with my father, I feel fully competent to continue the business in all its branches at the old stand and solicit the patronage which was so generously bestowed upon the late George W. Wilson.

Telegraph Messages promptly attended to.

Furnishing Undertaker, Corner Broad and Green Sts., just below "Edison's" Bath.

Middletown, Delaware.

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HARDWARE!

W. H. JOHNSON.

—Dealer in—

Building & Agricultural Hardware,

American, English, and German CUTLERY.

STOVE OIL FOR SALE.

Felton, Rau & Sibley's

PURE OIL PAINTS.

LEADS, OILS, GLASS, PUTTY & A FULL LINE OF BRUSHES.

CUCUMBER WOOD PUMPS, Warranted to last.

THE NEW

Remington Sewing Machines

Celebrated for Simplicity, Durability and Easy Running.

Special Attention given to Gun Work and Repairing generally.

Main St., opposite W. H. MOORE & CO.

Middletown Delaware.

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THE MODEL MOTHER-IN-LAW.

I am a mother-in-law. Some folks think I am only good for jokes; but if they only knew my heart they wouldn't try to be so smart.

I've been a slave to duty's voice for weary years. Now when my choice is resting ere I go above, I'm more a slave, and all for love.

When sickness comes for me they send; in poverty I am their friend. And shelter them and theirs until they stand again on fortune's hill.

Then I who welcomed them in need, Receive a welcome poor indeed. When loveliest for my daughter's face I seek her husband's dwelling-place.

'Tis I who tell my daughter-wife To yield in matrimonial strife. And love the husband who may be, Thinks all the trouble's caused by me.

I, who have held my babies small In my own time and heard them bawl! No joke! I sometimes might be through, Now hold the generation new.

Well, I'm a mother-in-law! I know Put on thy strength, the nation shake. By just reward from duty done— So joke away and have your fun.

—H. C. Dodge, in Goodall's Sun.

TALMAGE ON POLITICS.

BROOKLYN, November 4.—At the tabernacle this morning the Rev. Dr. De Witt Talmage, D. D., expounded some passages of Scripture about ancient politics. He gave out the hymn:

"Arm of the Lord, awake, awake, Put on thy strength, the nation shake." The doctor's text was, "Two cubits and a half was the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it." Exodus 27, 1. He said:

Look at it—the sacred chest of the ancients. It was about five feet long, three feet wide and three feet high. It was within and out of pure gold. On the top of it stood two angels facing each other with outspread wings. In that sacred box was the law, and there was in it a great many precious stones. With that box went the fate of the nation. Carried in front of the host, the waters of the Jordan parted. Divinely guarded, costly, precious, momentous box. No unholy hands might lay hold of it. It was called the ark of the covenant. But you will understand it was a box, the most precious box of the ages. Where is it now? Gone forever. Not a crypt of church or museum of the world has a fragment of it.

First, I remark, ignorance is a mighty foe. Other things being equal, the more intelligence a man has the better he is qualified to exercise the right of suffrage. You have been ten, fifteen, twenty, thirty years studying American institutions; you have canvassed all the great questions about tariff and home rule and all the educational questions, and everything in American politics you are well acquainted with. You consider yourself competent to cast a vote in November, and you are competent. You will take your position in the line of electors, you will wait for your turn to come, the judge of election will announce your name, you will cast your vote and pass out. Well done.

But right behind you there will come a man who cannot spell the name of comptroller, or attorney or mayor. He cannot write, or if he can write he uses a small "I" for the personal pronoun. He could not tell on which side of the Allegheny mountains Ohio is. Educated canary birds, educated horses, know more than he. He will cast his vote and it will balance your vote. His ignorance is as mighty as your intelligence. That is not right. All men of fair mind will acknowledge that it is not right. Until a man can read the declaration of independence and the constitution of the United States, and calculate the interest on the American debt, and know the difference between a republican form of government and a monarchy or a despotism, he is unfit to exercise the right of suffrage at any ballot box between Key West and Alaska.

Very often it is not money that bribes, but it is office. "You make me president and I'll make you a cabinet officer; you make me governor and I'll make you a surveyor-general; you make me mayor and I'll put you on the waterboard; you give me position and I'll give you position." That is the form of bribe often and often in these great cities. I do not say it is in our city, but you know again and again throughout the land these have been the forms of bribe offered. So it is often the case that by the time a man comes to an office to which he is elected, he is from the crown of head to the sole of foot mortgaged, with pledges, and the man who goes to Albany or to Washington to get an office is applying for some position which was given away three months before the election. Two long lines of worm fence, one worm fence reaching to Albany, and the other to Washington, and there is a great many citizens astride the fence, and they are waiting to see on which side there is most emolument and on this side they get down. But bribery kicks both ways. It kicks the man that offers it and the man that takes it. Bribery to-day you will admit to be one of the mightiest foes of the American ballot box.

Another great enemy of that sacred chest is defamation of character. Can you find out from the newspapers when two men are running for office which is the best? How often in the autumnal elections the good man is denounced and the bad man applauded, so that you can come sometimes to no just opinion as to who is the best man, and there are hundreds and thousands of electors who go up to vote so utterly befogged they know not what they do. Is not that a fearful influence to be brought upon the ballot-box of this country? It has been so ever since the foundation of this government.

Defamation of character.

Thomas Paine writes Washington a letter, and publishes it, saying: "Treacherous in all private friendship and a hypocrite in public morals, the world will be puzzled to know whether we had better call you an apostate or an impostor, and whether you abandoned good morals or never had any."

That is Thomas Paine's opinion of George Washington.

Defamation! It is the curse of the American ballot-box. Just as soon as in the great cities a man is put up for office he is made the target. The fact that he is up is prima facie evidence that he must be brought down. His public life and his private life are scrutinized and all the electric lights are turned on. How often it is that men have gone down under such things. In every autumnal election the air is filled with carion crows scenting carcasses. Caw! Caw! Caw! There are newspapers in the United States that in the great autumnal elections take wild license for liberty. They are filled with calumny. The editorial columns of such papers reek with it; their columns are stuffed with it. There are newspapers in the United States which in the great popular elections, breakfast and dine and sup on indecency. They wallow in it.

Swine like the mire. They give more for one quill full of it than a whole hoghead of decent product. There are in these great autumnal elections men sitting in editorial chairs who write with a quill, not plucked from the stupid goose, or the sublime but from a turkey buzzard! Ghouls! Ghouls! They tip the city sewers into their editorial inkstands. Defamation of character is one of the curses of the American ballot-box to-day.

In your great presidential elections who can tell from what he reads who is the man he ought to vote for? Bad men sometimes applauded, good men denounced.

I charge you, then, as American citizens to remember your responsibility on the first Tuesday of November. It will begin early, the snow storm of suffrages. It will snow all day—snow on until noon, snow on until night. The flakes will fall in every town and village and neighborhood, the white flakes. The octogenarian will come up, his hand trembling, and with spectacled eye he will scrutinize the vote and drop it and pass on. The young man who has been waiting for his time will come up, and proudly and blushing deposit his first vote and pass on. The capitalist will come up with bediamond finger and the laborer with hard fist, and the one vote will be as good as the other. Snow storm of suffrages, and then these white flakes will be gathered together and compacted into an avalanche that will slide down in expression of the will of the people. Stand out of the way of it. In the awful sweep of this avalanche let political fraud go down a thousand feet under.

You have not only a vote, you have a prayer. The prayer may be mightier than the vote. Oh, as citizens of this beautiful city, and of this state, and of this nation, let us do our whole duty. We cannot live under any other form of government than that which God has given us in this country. The stars on our flag are not the stars of a thickening night, but the stars sprinkled amid the bars of morning cloud. We are going to have one government on this entire continent. Let the dispossessions of Asia keep their feet off the Pacific coast, and let the tyrannies of Europe keep their feet off the Atlantic coast. We are going to have one government. Mexico will follow Texas into the Union, and Christianity and civilization will stand side by side in the halls of the Montezumas. And if not in our day, then in the day of our children. Yucatan and Central America will come into dominion, while on the north Canada will be ours, not by conquest—oh, no, American and English swords may never clash again—but we will woo our fair neighbor of the north, and then England will say to Canada: "You are old enough for the marriage day," and then, turning, will say: "Giant of the west, go take your bride." And then from Baffin's Bay to the Caribbean there will be one government under one flag, with one destiny—a free, undisputed, Christianized American continent. God save the city of Brooklyn! God save the commonwealth of New York! God save the union.

SINGULAR SUIT.—Lewis D. Greenslade, husband of the only female barber in Brooklyn, has sued the trustees of Rev. Dr. Witt Talmage's Church for \$1000. He says that he was forcibly ejected from the church without cause, to the detriment of his clothing and feelings. Greenslade appeared in a front seat of the church one Sunday night in a tuxedo, knee-breeches and red stockings. Greenslade is known as "Lewis the Light."

He thinks he will live forever if he attends church regularly in the costume which offended Dr. Talmage's sexton.

One Fact

Is worth a column of rhetoric, said an American statesman. It is a fact, established by the testimony of thousands of people, that Hood's Sarsaparilla does cure scrofula, salt rheum, and other diseases or affections arising from impure state or low condition of the blood. It also overcomes that tired feeling, creates a good appetite, and gives strength to every part of the system. Try it.

Peculiarity of Post-Office Robberies.

"Postoffice robberies are generally a great deal like slight-of-hand tricks," said an official of the New York postoffice to a reporter the other day.

"They seem mysterious and incomprehensible until the manner in which they are done is brought to light, and then they seem simple enough, and we are ashamed that we were not able sooner to get at the bottom of so plain a case. But the simplicity of the methods used is the reason that makes it so hard to discover the robber. It is often the case of postoffice robberies, as in many others that opportunity makes the thief. A clerk or messenger may handle a certain pouch for a number of years and at last, perhaps by accident, notice how a valuable package may be taken and no trace left behind. If he happens to be a little weak-minded and the temptation proves too great, he commits what may be his first crime. So the difficulty in detecting mail robbers is that each one is different from all the others, and the detectives are obliged to learn a new lesson in each case. Of course, this does not apply to cases where a dishonest clerk systematically steals small amount from letters. Clerks are not only dishonest, but foolish."

In Love's Harness.

Most women naturally look forward to matrimony as their proper sphere in life, but they should constantly bear in mind, that a fair, rosy face, bright eyes, and a healthy, well-developed form, are the best passports to a happy marriage. All those wasting disorders, weaknesses, "dragging-down" sensations, and functional irregularities peculiar to their sex, have an unfailing specific in Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It is the only medicine for women, sold by druggists, under a positive guarantee from the manufacturers, that it will give satisfaction in every case, or money will be refunded. This guarantee has been printed on the bottle-wrapper, and faithfully carried out for many years.

Here is a short story about the son of the late bishop of Illinois. Mr. Whitehouse had some business in New York with a large law firm, wherein a son of Rufus Choate is a partner. It was Mr. Choate to whom Whitehouse addressed himself. "All right, sit down," said the New York lawyer; "I'll see you in a minute or two."

"But," said the visitor, "I am Mr. Whitehouse, of Chicago."

"All right, all right," said the lawyer, scribbling away like mad; "take a chair; I am busy just now."

"But," again said Mr. Whitehouse, "I am the son of Bishop Whitehouse, 'Oh! well, take two chairs then,'" said Choate, without looking up.

Clara (shyly)—"You will have to gain papa's consent first, Mr. Sampson, ere I give you my answer."

Mr. Sampson (heart throbbing with hope)—"Can I see him at once, dear Clara?"

"I think so, Mr. Sampson; and papa is so absurdly practical, he may ask some foolish questions."

"What will he ask?"

"He may want to know how much you are worth, and oh, Mr. Sampson—George (and the name dropped so sweetly from her lips)—what will you tell him?"

Gout in most cases first makes itself known by an acute pain in the joint of the great toe. This most excruciating pain may be likened to that produced by the driving of a wedge under the nail. For gout use Salvation Oil. Price 25 cents a bottle.

"Drink, pretty creature, drink," a little at a time of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, and you will relieve your cold, and not rack your chest and lungs to pieces, and keep everybody else in a state of agitation. Price 25 cents.

"Hello, Mike, what do you think of it now?" yelled an enthusiastic Republican yesterday to a letter carrier who was wending his way pensively up the street.

"It's damned little I care. Sure, it's all right for us, anyway."

"Are you tired of your job?"

The Transcript
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Thursday Afternoon, Nov. 15, 1888.
LOCAL AFFAIRS.

New Advertisements.
The following new advertisements appear in this issue of The Transcript:
—H. G. Whitlock—Help Wanted.
—Strawberry and Cherry Cakes.
—J. C. Ridgway—Heaters, Stoves, Etc.
—Mrs. E. E. Whitlock—Help Wanted.
—Spurr & Perkins—Fresh Cows for Sale.
—Dockstader & Thomas—Minstrel Show.
—Harry Davis, J. C. Parker—Public Sale of Stoves, Harness, Etc.

Town Notes.
—Rev. W. C. Alexander is away to-day attending the installation of Rev. H. A. McLean, as pastor of Brandywine Manor Church.
—Messrs. Perkins & Spurr have some very fine dairy cattle which they are going to dispose of at public sale on Saturday, November 17th.
—TRANSCRIPT and Weekly Times 1 year \$4.00. Weekly Times 6c.

—Dockstader & Thomas' minstrel show which are to appear at the Opera House to-morrow evening, are highly spoken of by those who have seen them. All should attend.
—The Young Ladies' Guild of St. Anne's P. E. Church of this town contemplate holding a Bazaar and Supper early in December. Further notice will appear in these columns.

—Mr. J. B. Maxwell and his mother left town Wednesday morning for Atlantic City and other places of interest. The trip is being made in the hopes of improving Mrs. Maxwell's health.
—We are informed that Gov. Briggs has appointed Jas. T. Shattuck as the office of Recorder of Deeds, for New Castle County, and that J. Frazar Eliason and Edward A. Read are his deputies.

—Mr. R. L. Gray informs us that he contemplates having a sale of his entire personal property some time next February. This will no doubt be a good opportunity to purchase fine stock.
—The colored people held a big parade last Monday evening headed by their band. They marched and counter-marched through the principal streets, and the band discoursed their campaign music.

—Rev. W. C. Alexander, by special request of the Lodge, will preach to God Samaritan Lodge, I. O. F., next Sunday evening. Forest Presbyterian Church at 7 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.
—Miss M. E. Thompson, teacher of Palating at 1420 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, some time ago offered a special premium at the Mount Holly, N. J. Fair, of an elegant piece of Tapestry Painting, for the best Oil Painting done by pupils within the last two years. Miss Corinne Ridgway of Middletown, was the successful competitor, and received the prize this week. It is now on exhibition at her father's Mr. J. C. Ridgway on Broad street.

—TRANSCRIPT and St. Nicholas 1 year, \$2.00. St. Nicholas 10c.
—Those who claim to know say that the coming winter will set in early and will be a long and severe one. They base their opinion on the fact that when persimmons, acorns, nuts and other nuts are abundant, a long and severe winter follows. Another sign is that the "rag-weed" has not yet attained its usual height and the seeds upon it will be those above the snow depth for birds. Our readers can test the correctness of the signs enumerated if they so desire. At all events say by plenty of wood, coal and the necessities of life.

—While the colored people were having their parade Monday evening a company of white boys and young men procured some old muskets and forming a line marched around town. They had two drums with them and when they met the colored procession on Cass street it was hard to tell which made the most noise. It is said when the captain of the "home guards" gave the order to the every colored man, woman and child got out of the road as fast as possible. It was only a sham battle and no harm came from it.

—The Young Ladies Christian Temperance Union of this town, have rented the room over the harness store of Mr. J. C. Parker, on South Broad St. and intend opening Headquarters and will be open on Wednesday evening. They are now making arrangements to have the room comfortably and attractively furnished. Any persons having articles of furniture which they would be willing to donate and assist in this good cause will please leave word with Miss Mame Jones at W. H. Moore's residence.

—The following officers of Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F., have been elected and installed for the ensuing term: L. B. Lee, M. G.; T. A. P. Bordley, V. G.; R. H. Foster, Treasurer; Alex. Metten, P. S.; G. E. Pinder, R. S.; W. D. King, R. S.; G. E. Pinder, R. S.; L. S. to N. G.; W. E. Dixon, Warden; Cyrus Tatum, Conductor; W. J. C. O. G. W. Lovelace, I. G.; W. H. Vohell, R. S.; J. H. Kilpatrick, L. S. S.; Alex. Albert, R. S. to V. G.; J. F. Deakney, L. S. to V. G.; W. D. King, Alex. Albert and J. H. Kilpatrick, trustees; R. H. Foster, J. F. Deakney and W. D. King, W. O. and Funds Committee.

—The 14th Annual Session of the New Castle County Institute will be held in the Opera House on Wednesday, November 21st, at 4 p. m., and continuing in session until Saturday of the same week. The programme will consist of the usual official proceedings and in the evenings lectures will be delivered respectfully by Hon. Dan'l. Dougherty, Col. Geo. W. Bain of Kentucky, and Wallace Bruce of New York. All are fine speakers, and have national reputations, and there is no doubt a treat in store for those who will be present. Superintendent Bessey wishes us to state that Gov. Briggs will introduce Mr. Dougherty, Senator Gray, Col. Bain, and Col. Cooper Mr. Bruce.

—TRANSCRIPT and Daily Times 1 year \$3.50. Daily Times 5c.
—That part of the Republican party which contributes in a large and telling manner to its success, but in section on the "Quarter Deck" turned out on Monday evening, and painted the Town a "Dusky Red". In their enthusiasm they procured brooms and figuratively swept the Democrats out of the town. It is alleged that they stopped in front of the residence of a certain prominent citizen, who is also one of the few applicants for President-elect, and called for a speech. Parties close to the distinguished gentleman say he did not care to speak; but by reason of the financial prostration arising from the cancellation of United States Stamps fitting before his long eyes, persuaded him to hold forth. We trust his efforts will be rewarded. So does George.

—The Rev. R. H. Adams, will preach especially to the members of his Church on Sabbath morning and to the unconverted in the evening.
—TRANSCRIPT and Weekly Press 1 year \$1.50. Weekly Press alone \$1.00.
—Mrs. William Taylor, of Middletown, has presented the Clayton M. E. Church with a beautiful communion service consisting of silver plates, cups, and a chalice.

—Mr. S. M. Reynolds has had a settlement with the Insurance Company on his recent loss by fire near Newark, Del., and received the full amount claimed, \$2000.
—The Republicans of Townsend celebrated their victory last evening in a very quiet manner. The houses were illuminated, but no parade was given. Everything passed off quietly.

—The Ladies of the Methodist Episcopal Church intend holding their annual Thanksgiving entertainment and supper. The nature of entertainment has not yet been fully decided upon, but will be reported in the next issue.
—List of uncited letters at the Post-office Middletown for the week ending November 8, 1888: Miss Jennie R. Phenemore, Eben Graham, Michael Jeffries, Cora Lail and Maggie Roudy. Persons calling for these letters will please say they are advertised.

—The rumor which has been circulated without any verification as to fact, that we can learn, has got into the papers that Geo. A. Deakney, near this town, has fallen heir to a fortune, estimated at \$200,000, from relatives in England.—Smyrna Times.
—TRANSCRIPT and Belford's Magazine 1 year \$2.25. Belford's Magazine \$2.00.

—The Special Services in St. Anne's church conducted by the Rev. Dr. Watson, of Philadelphia will be continued this evening at 7:30 o'clock, to-morrow (Friday) at 10:30 a. m. There will be the service of Holy Communion, and at 7:30 p. m. a Thanksgiving service and sermon which will close this deeply interesting and instructive series of services.

—In the fulfillment of a bet made on the recent election Mr. Jesse L. Shephard wrestled Harry B. Marshall, to the depot and up Lake street to Broad Down Road to Main, last Monday evening in a wheelbarrow. The wheelbarrow was decorated with flags and Chinese lanterns and on the way to the depot was followed by a crowd of men and boys tooting horns and making as much noise as possible.

Ned Thomas' San Francisco Minstrels held the boards at the Opera House last night, and were greeted by an audience fully equal to the capacity of the house. Instantaneously with the rise of the curtain the audience became noisy with delight, and applause after applause was continued throughout the entire programme. In fact, we never saw an audience better pleased. The olio was filled with new and novel specialties, each one in its way a masterpiece of well merited applause. Manager Hill should feel proud of such an attraction, and we only wish he will secure many more such to entertain his patrons during the season.—Alexandria Gazette.

A Church Debt Raised.
The Presbyterian Congregation of St. Georges was burdened until quite recently with a debt of \$175. Being determined to cancel the debt if possible, about twenty-five members of the congregation met on the afternoon of October 25th, and an earnest effort was made to raise the entire sum needed.

Mr. James M. Vandegriff, senior elder, was chairman and he briefly stated the purpose of the meeting. After the work of the treasurer's report, which showed how the deficit had originated, those present exhibited their interest in the welfare of the church by promptly raising the generous sum of \$172. Then a committee was appointed to solicit contributions from absent members and friends, and as a result of the work of this committee the balance of \$161 was soon secured and the St. Georges congregation is now out of debt. It is a source of gratification to the members that this attempt to cancel a debt with such success, for repairs to the church property are greatly needed and they can now be undertaken without the expectation of further embarrassment.

Maryland Matters.
—The smoke from the Presidential battle had scarcely cleared away before fresh applicants for the Elkton Post-office.
—Harry D. Garret and Lucy Spittle of Elkton, were married last Thursday evening by the Rev. Charles Hill, assisted by the Rev. J. P. Otis.

—The ladies of the Warwick M. P. Church gave an oyster supper and festival in the Town Hall at the place Tuesday evening, and the work of the evening was a large number of people in attendance and the tables were well patronized. Several attended from Middletown. It will hold over to day and to-morrow evening.

Murder in Cecil County.
Two colored men are now confined in Elkton jail awaiting trial for murder. Asbury Cole, the slayer of Samuel Young, a young colored man of Cecil County in August last, has been joined by another man accused of murder who, strange to say, also bears the name of Samuel Young, and said to be a cousin of the victim of Cole. The Samuel Young confined is an elderly man, and was taken to the jail on Saturday afternoon by G. E. McQuirk. He had killed his son-in-law George Warren that day and given himself up to custody.

Coroner Litzenberg in company with others visited the place where the shooting occurred and found the body of Warren where he had fallen after the fatal discharge of the gun in the hands of his father-in-law. Dr. Howard Bratton made a post mortem examination and found that the lead shot from the single-barrel breech-loading gun used had severed nearly all of the arteries of the heart and caused almost instant death by loss of blood.

The two men had a quarrel over some dogs and it appears that Warren beat Young, who was lying in bed with a sore foot, very severely and then left the house. Young arose from the bed and going to the door discharged his gun at Warren, who was seen to fall forward upon his face.

The jury rendered the following verdict: That George Warren came to his death from a gunshot wound inflicted by Samuel Young and that the shooting was lawful and without sufficient provocation.

Ned Thomas' San Francisco Minstrels began a week's engagement at Tony Pastor's Theatre last night to a large and enthusiastic audience, and the whole performance proved a hit. The troupe is one of the best seen in New York this season, introducing as it does, excellent singing and plenty of old time minstrelsy. A big week's business is assured.—N. Y. World.

DELAWARE CITY DEPARTMENT
Society Meetings.
—Delaware City Loan Association last Friday of each month.
—Delaware City Volunteer Fire Company, first Thursday of each month.
—Jackson Lodge, F. & A. M., first Tuesday of each month.
—Patrick Henry Lodge I. O. O. F., every Wednesday night.
—Delaware Castle No. 12, K. G. E. every Tuesday evening.

—Mr. George F. Brady was in town on Monday.
—Sheriff Lambson was in town on Wednesday.
—Mr. Ogle is visiting Philadelphia and Columbia.
—Messrs. Beck and Pancoast are shipping large lots of mince meat daily.

—Master Roy Keane is THE TRANSCRIPT's newboy for Delaware City. Miss Maggie O'Neill gave a card party at her home on Wednesday evening.
—Presiding Elder, W. L. S. Murray preached at the M. E. Church on Sunday.

—The rabbit hunters were out in full force on Thursday, and some good bags were made.
—Mr. Cleveghoe of the Union Pacific Tea Company, was in town on Monday and Tuesday.
—The grand hog killing carnival commenced on Wednesday morning. Particulars next week.

—Rev. Martin H. Dunlap, formerly of this city, has accepted a call to Old Swedenborg, Wilmington.
—One defeated candidate of Red Lion Hundred received a package a few days ago, containing two of "Rababy's Husbands".

—Peter Frempt, formerly of Delaware City, now engaged in the grocery business in Philadelphia, was in town on Tuesday.
—Miss Josephine Ford has gone to Chambersburg, Pa., to spend the winter. Mrs. Maxwell will also leave in a few days for the same place.

—Mr. and Mrs. Storrie have removed to Chester, Pa., where they will reside permanently. Mr. Storrie is the principal of South Chester High School.
—Captain Eugene Reynolds, of the steamer "Major Reynolds" is taking a short vacation, during which Captain McGinn of the "Thomas Clyde" will fill his place.

—Our citizens are complaining about the stench which arises from the oyster shell barges lying in the canal opposite their residences. Our town authorities should take notice of this.
—The anniversary celebration of Delaware castle No. 12, K. G. E., is indefinitely postponed, owing to difficulty in securing a boat to bring the Wilmington commanderies and castles.

—Mr. Samuel T. Irons has purchased the property on the corner of Washington Avenue and William streets, from Augustus Cann, who has moved to Virginia, and has erected a workshop in the rear.
—The Republicans of Delaware City will celebrate the Republican victory with a supper at the Robinson House kept by Mr. Edward Milne, on Friday evening. All Republicans are invited to attend.

The Steamer Reynolds changed her time on Monday, leaving Salem at 9 a. m., on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, returning, leaving Philadelphia at 12 noon on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
—Names of pupils of Delaware City Public School, whose average in attendance, deportment and recitation is 90 per cent or over for the week ending November 8, 1888.

—The Ballenger-Matt and Verna, ventriloquists, magicians, and musical artists, gave a performance at Eagle's Hall, on Thursday evening to a small audience. The entertainment was good, and deserved a better audience.
—It was thought that we had some hungry Democrats in our neighborhood four years ago, but judging from the scramble being made for our little fourth class Post-office, it seems that four years of political fasting has whetted Republican appetites.

—The Democrats of Red Lion Hundred and south in their denunciations of the Southern traitors, at Wilmington. Though we have lost the United States Senator, we will gain in the end by up-loading a party whose policy has always been to rule or ruin.

—County Superintendent of public schools, Bessey, was in town on Monday, on business connected with the Annual Session of the New Castle County Institute, which will be held at the Opera House at New Castle, commencing on Wednesday, Nov. 21st. Mr. Bessey gave great pains in arranging a programme, and it promises to be the most successful session ever held by the Institute. The following gentlemen orators will deliver lectures on Wednesday evening.

—Daniel Dougherty, of New York, subject "The Stage" on Thursday evening, Col. George W. Bain of Kentucky, "The Pendulum of Life" Friday evening, Wallace Bruce, Esq., of New York, subject, "Womanhood in Shakespeare".

1st Division.
Lulu Huss, 90; Josephine Weaver, 90; Lura Sadler, 100; Katie Aker, 96; Helen McManis, 100; Ida Baldwin, 96; Matie Osburn, 88; Rose Oliver, 96; Annie Schander, 98; Nellie Swan, 93; Nellie Ford, 100; Annie Van Kirk, 100; Sadie Craig, 99; Eva Gardner, 92; Mary O'Neill, 91; Stella Wingate, 92; Lottie Davidson, 98; Nellie Wood, 100; Elsie Blair, 98; Annie Pennington 100; Maggie Gallagher, 98; Sadie Foster, 100; Annie Cusler, 98; Nellie Foster, 100; Russell Pennington, 98; Julian Reeves, 99; Charles McManis, 96; Bright Moody, 93; Joseph Fosney, 98; Irwin Shoop, 93; Freddie Price, 98; William Thompson, 100; Albree Cleaver, 98.

2nd Division.
Ella Craig, 98; Esther Manko, 95; Emma Jones, 98; Sabina Morris, 97; Edna Uhl, 97; Nellie Uhl, 97; Mary Morris, 97; Barb Fountain, 99; Willie Vanhook, 100; Willie O'Neill, 98; Harry Preval, 98; Harry Huss, 96; Fred Silva, 97; Roy Keane, 98; Annie Borger, 91; Matilda Bruner, 94; Edith Van Kirk, 93; Gertrude Hutchinson, 98; Irene Cairns, 92; Norman Cleaver, 97; Sewall Webb, 91; Charles Bowen, 95; Frank Fountain, 90; John Uhl, 95; George McIntire, 90; Rose Gallagher, 90.

3rd Division.
Irene Davidson, 100; Harry Price, 100; Stella Ferguson, 100; Annie Woods, 97; Willie Preval, 94; Clarence Raymond, 93; Cora Dunlap, 93; Matie Price, 92; Ella Silva, 100; Willie Asher, 90; Millie Aker, 90; Julia Sadler, 91; Harry Hall, 92; Emma Towner, 95; Willie Towner, 94; Bernice Keane, 92; Celeste Higgins, 90; Willie McCall, 90.

PRIMARY.
Flora Smith, 100; Mamie Dempsey, 100; Bertha Moody, 100; Julia Bowen, 100; Alice Ford, 100; Maggie O'Neill, 100; Mamie Cannon, 100; Eva Cannon, 100; Lulu Hickie, 100; Lottie Vanhook, 100; Willie Nell, 100; Willie Bright, 100; Ada Fountain, 100.

Peninsula News Paragraphed.
The contractor has begun driving piles for a draw bridge over the creek south of Laurel on the line of the Delaware railroad.
George Biddle and Mrs. Mary Wright of Elkton were married in Cherry Hill on Thursday evening last by the Rev. T. A. H. O'Brien.

Three deaths in Chestertown and vicinity recently show the risks age reached by those in these parts. Wm. Frazier 84, Arthur B. Wheatley 76, Susan Melvin 75.
A colored woman of Dover, recently jumped out of a second story window to escape the wrath of her husband and now lies in a critical condition from her injuries.

The Sussex County Teacher's Institute will positively be held at Laurel, 26th, 27th, and 28th inst. Accommodations at the Laurel and Cannon hotels at \$1 per day.
On account to Ladies.—The scalp may be kept white and clean, and the hair soft, pliant, and glossy, by the use of Ayer's Hair Vigor. This preparation never fails to restore to faded and gray hair its original color. Sold by druggists and perfumers.

The Gazette wants Laurel to have electric lights and about a dozen other things; but there is one thing that Laurel has already and that is a first-class newspaper and the town may well feel proud of it.

In the election on Tuesday Nov. 6th in Kent and Queen Anne's counties on the question of empowering these two counties to make the Chester river bridge at Chestertown free, the vote was 990 against the proposition and 1,513 for it.

A new iron bridge is to be placed across the Muddickill at Frederica in place of the present wooden one. It is expected that work on it will begin the last of next week. While the new bridge is being put down travel across the creek must be made by way of Fork Landing.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla acts directly and promptly, purifying and enriching the blood, improving the appetite, strengthening the nerves, and invigorating the system. It is, in the true sense, an alternative medicine. Every invalid should give it a trial.

The item going the rounds about freight on coal being cheaper to Smyrna than Middletown is false. The fact is our dealers have always paid higher freight rates than those of Middletown.—Smyrna Record.
Yes, that is the way it goes. One half the growing against the railroad company is through prejudice and ignorance.—Laurel Gazette.

Nine months credit will be given by purchaser giving a bankable note with approved endorser, with interest added from date. No stock to be removed until above conditions are complied with.
SPURR & PERKINS.

Sassafras Notes.
—Miss Linda Jacobs is visiting friends and relatives in Baltimore.
—Mrs. Buelah Chevis has been visiting her cousin Mrs. J. F. Ernest.

—Mr. Frank Abbey of Philadelphia, is visiting Mr. Isaac Gibbs and family.
—Mrs. Emma Hartley and son Jesse left on Tuesday for a visit to relatives in Wilmington.

—Miss Alice Ginn returned home last week from a visit to friends and relatives in Baltimore.
—Mr. C. M. Cullum of the firm of Sanders and Stayman, Baltimore, was in town on Monday.

Rev. W. S. Hammond President of the Maryland Annual Conference, will preach in the Rehoboth M. P. Church on Sunday evening, Nov. 25th.
—Protracted meeting is now being held in the Sassafras M. E. Church. Rev. R. H. Adams of Middletown, will preach in that church on Friday evening. We hope he will be greeted by a large audience.

She Would If She Could.
—Gentlemen, here are my tax receipts and here is my ticket. I have been paying taxes for thirty years. These were the words of Mrs. Mary Ann Stewart as she stepped up to the polls at Corvallis's Cross Roads, Nanticoke hundred, last Tuesday, and presented her ballot to the officials. "We would like to take your ticket," responded one of the officers, "but—" "Well, take it then," broke in Mrs. Stewart before the officer could say more, and she handed him the ticket, and with the words "but the law will allow us," and thus ended the first attempt at female voting in Sussex county. Mrs. Stewart then walked to her carriage, from which she delivered a speech of a half hour's length upon the beauties of woman suffrage.—Georgetown Journal.

Saved the Value of a Farm.
Seller's Cough Syrup has attained a reputation almost equal to Seller's Pills, and more can hardly be said of any other medicine. The Syrup should be kept in every family where there are children, and grown up people, as it is a valuable remedy for coughs, colds, hoarseness and throat and lung diseases. The pills are such a standard remedy in some parts of the country that a family never thinks of doing without them. Said an old gentleman in Eastern Maryland, "Why I have raised my family on Seller's Pills, I consider them almost as essential to a family as bread. In the last thirty years they have saved me enough, in doctor bills, to pay for a farm.—Cincinnati Times Star.

Temperature for the Week.
Furnished us weekly by E. B. Rice Taken at 7 A. M. and 10 o'clock M. each day.
Friday, Nov. 9th. 7 A. M. 55. 12 M. 60.
Saturday, 10th. 7 A. M. 55. 12 M. 60.
Sunday, 11th. 7 A. M. 55. 12 M. 60.
Monday, 12th. 7 A. M. 55. 12 M. 60.
Tuesday, 13th. 7 A. M. 55. 12 M. 60.
Wednesday, 14th. 7 A. M. 55. 12 M. 60.
Thursday, 15th. 7 A. M. 55. 12 M. 60.

ROPE YARN.
The best rope yarn at W. T. Connelley & Co's.
FOR LOW PRICES.
And good goods for sale at S. Pennington & Son's.
5000 LBS.
Of Tarred Fodder Yarn in Store and for Sale by S. M. Reynolds & Co.

MACKEREL
by the Barrel or Half Barrel, Rock Salt for Cattle and Fresh Cream Butter at S. M. Reynolds & Co's.
Pure Lard Oil, Paraffine and other machine oils at S. M. Reynolds & Co's.
ONE HUNDRED.
One hundred New Hascocks and Ottomans, 50c, 65c and \$1 at W. H. Moore & Co's.
COD FISH.
At W. T. Connelley & Co's.
Use Bragdon's Teaberry Tooth Powder
GOTO
S. Pennington & Son's for your fall hats.

Miscellaneous Advertisements.
STYLE
EXCELLENCE
LOW PRICES.
All these must be in Clothing or buyers will give it the go-by. We are doing the business, because we lead in Style, Excellence and Low Prices.

JACOB REED'S SONS,
918, 920, 922 Chestnut Street, Phila.
—Mr. Nathan R. Peacock desires to remind his friends that he is with the above house and respectfully solicits their patronage. 6c-ly

PUBLIC SALE!
EXECUTOR'S SALE
—OF—
REAL ESTATE.
The undersigned will sell at public sale at the Middletown creamery, Lake and Cass streets, in Middletown, Del., on Saturday, November 17, 1888, at 12 o'clock noon, the following:
1. A certain tract of land, containing 10 acres, more or less, situate in the town of Middletown, Delaware.
2. A certain tract of land, containing 10 acres, more or less, situate in the town of Middletown, Delaware.

ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1888, at 3 o'clock p. m., the following real estate of late Lydia R. Rothwell, deceased, will be exposed to public sale at the Middletown Hotel, in the town of Middletown, Delaware.
WITH A LARGE THREE-STORY FRAME HOUSE AND GOOD COTTAGES.
The above estate is on the levels in the eastern part of the town of Middletown, Delaware, and is bounded by the Appomattock Hundred, New Castle County and State of Delaware, and is owned by Eugene Hanson, Samuel Roberts, Mrs. M. C. Reynolds, deceased, Frances R. Tatum, deceased, and the heirs of the said deceased, by virtue of a deed of conveyance by the old deeds 212 acres, and by a recent survey by M. B. Burris 10 acres, more or less.

The above is one of the best producing farms in New Castle County, is all tillable land and the farm house and outbuildings are in good repair. The farm is 4 1/2 miles from Middletown in a good neighborhood. The land will be given and the terms of sale made known at the time and place above stated.
JOHN M. ROTHWELL, Executor,
JAS. P. ROTHWELL, Attorney,
or by Andrew B. Saxe, their attorney.

PUBLIC SALE!
Saturday, November 24
10 o'clock a. m., at the store room of J. C. Parker, in Middletown, of
Stoves, Harness, Tinware,
Housefurnishing Goods,
Blankets, Bells, Chains,
Halters, Etc., Etc.
A FULL SET OF
TOOLS FOR TIN SMITH.
See hand bills and posters.
HARRY DAVIS,
J. C. PARKER.

OPERA HOUSE!
MIDDLETOWN, DEL.
Friday, November 16th,
San Francisco Minstrels
NED THOMAS, SOLE MANAGER.
STAR COMPANY.
HARVEY WOODSON, A. J. TALBOTT.
THREE COMEDIES.
BILLY CARROLL, W. L. DICKSTADER,
FRANK KEYNOLD, JIMMY QUINN,
FRANK HAWLEY, BOB RICHMOND,
ALBY BARE, THOMAS DISCON,
DAVE CHRISTIE, JOHN HAMMOND.

CARR AND TOURJEE.
4+ CALIFORNIA QUARTETTE +4
LONDON SEXTETTE.
DEMPSEY, RILEY, LONGACRE, MCNUITY, HYAMS AND CONLY.
Professor Blakeney's Opera Orchestra. Brass band of soloists. Social season of the Middletown Opera House.
COMEDY, "BE QUICK OR DIE."
FREE PARADE AT NOON.
Seats on sale at Dr. Pearson's drug store. Prices 25, 50 and 75 cts. for choice seats.

Wanted!
A RELIABLE MAN AND WIFE, who would without compensation, and give good cultivation peach orchards may be kept in fruit and produce. We invite buyers to make personal inspection, and can refer among the many who have our trees to
Address, H. G. WITTECK, nov15 11
M. Pleasant, Del.

For Sale!
12 thoroughbred Berkshire & Poland China Pigs, acknowledged the best varieties for stock. All healthy and of fine appearance.
MRS. ELLIE E. COCHRAN.
Peach Trees for Sale
Also, All Other Fruit, Shade, and Ornamental Trees, Vines and Plants.
We make PEACH TREES A SPECIALTY, and are among those who believe by planting healthy trees in good soil and giving proper cultivation peach orchards may be kept in fruit and produce. We invite buyers to make personal inspection, and can refer among the many who have our trees to
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DAVID BAIRD & SON,
1st-12th
Manalapan, New Jersey.
THE MARKETS.
MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLA.
WHEAT—No. 1, 100 CORN— 64c
No. 2, 100 " 62c
Timothy Seed, 27 1/2 White, " 64c
Clover Seed, per lb 12 1/2 cts, " 62c

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY E. B. REYNOLDS & CO.
Butter, 18c
Lard, 20c
Potatoes, 10c
Chickens (Live) 15c
10c 11c
12c 13c
14c 15c
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The Transcript

Thursday Afternoon, Nov. 15, 1888

AUTUMN.
Autumn day, fruitful day!
See what God hath given away!
Orchard trees with fruit are bending;
Harvest wains are homeward wending;
And the Lord all o'er the land
Opens wide his bounteous hand.
Children, gathering fruit that fall,
Think of God, who gives them all.
—Anon.

BOB BURDETTE'S HUMOR.

The story of Burdette's touching devotion to his wife, now dead, is familiar to every one, but the following recital of his beginnings as a humorist may be new to many. He was at that time local editor of the *Peoria Transcript*. He had to fill two columns a day. It was hard work. Dog fights were scarce and human beings were disgustingly sober and peaceable. His page was dull.

At home was his wife, ill of the disease of which she finally died, and to cheer her he stayed at home an hour or two at noon and wrote imaginary local events of an exciting nature and read them to her. They were grossly improbable and funny. They did not have a debilitating effect on her, but actually made her laugh, and one day she said: "Burdette, this ridiculous stuff of yours is bad enough to print. Having seen that I survive it, why don't you try it on your readers?"

He cautiously did so, dealing it out in small doses. It was copied everywhere. This had been going on for a fortnight, maybe, when one day Mr. Emory, editor of the paper, sent to Burdette, requesting him to come to his private room. "Aha!" said Burdette, rubbing his hands and glowing from head to foot. "I've fetched him! He's going to raise my salary!"

"Mr. Burdette," said Mr. Emory, when the audacious youth was seated, "two lunatics escaped from the asylum last week, I believe?"

"Yes, sir; yes—two—but one of them was captured," said the editor thoughtfully, "one—only one. What became of the other, Mr. Burdette?"

"He hasn't been found yet, answered the jocose youth; they're scouring the woods for him."

"Is it not possible that he may be secreted about the building somewhere? In your room for instance?"

"Why, no, Mr. Emory! What put such an idea into your head?"

"Have you among your friends anybody who is a driving idiot, Mr. Burdette?"

"No, sir, oh, no, sir, I think not!" protested the youth, moving uneasily in his chair.

"Who might get into the office and insert articles without your knowledge—in your room at dinner for instance?"

"Oh, no, Mr. Emory, no; why do you ask me?"

"I met an intoxicated man the other night going down stairs. Who was it?"

"I don't know, indeed," said Burdette. "We had just bounded him."

"Did he write anything for the paper clandestinely and surreptitiously while he was here?" persisted the editor.

"Why, no, of course; I see everything that goes in this page."

"Well, then, Mr. Burdette, who is it that makes those sickly attempts to be funny that I see in your columns every day?"

Burdette blushed, rubbed some dirt off his left pantaloons leg with his right boot and said: "Really, Mr. Emory, I—yourself—I hardly—well—the fact is—there's nothing availing about me, Mr. Emory, but I shall have to claim those myself."

"Oh!" exclaimed the editor, feigning surprise. "You? Well, don't do so any more. They make me melancholy. They are dreadfully lugubrious. They seem to have emanated from a wrecked brain. You can go to your room, Mr. Burdette. I wouldn't have thought of you. Don't do so any more. If there's anything funny to be written, I'll write it myself."

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